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vacancies are not eligible to the higher initial pay for the reason that they have not served for one year during their ages between 23 and 25 in the army; and

(c) if so, the number of persons who were not granted the higher initial pay and the reasons for fixing the constructive war service of one year between the ages of 23 and 25?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) The Government consider that the time and labour involved in the collection of complete information in the matter will not be commensurate with any good purpose that may be served.

" (b) War service rendered by a candidate before the 1st April 1941 or before the date on which he attained the age which is two years below the prescribed age-limit, whichever is later, is not treated as constructive war service and is not taken into account in fixing his initial pay.

" (c) The number of persons who were not granted higher initial pay, on account of the definition of constructive war service as in the answer to clause (b), is not readily available. For the reason stated in answer to clause (a), complete information in the matter has not been collected. Normally candidates would not take up civilian jobs at such an early age as they took up war service. It was therefore considered that the period of constructive war service should be restricted as in the answer to clause (b)."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" It was not possible for the war service candidates who were discharged from service before they completed their 24th year to have constructive war service for one year between the ages of 23 and 25. It was not their fault if the war had come to an end before they attained their 24th year. So, will the Government reconsider the question and grant higher initial pay to those who are eligible for it as per G.O. No. 1261, Public (Services), dated the 20th May 1948? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If they are entitled to a higher initial pay as per the rules existing, they will get it."

Amendment of the special rules for the Madras Industries Service.

* 1184 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the special rules for the Madras Industries Service were amended by the Government in G.O. No. 4692, Development, dated 24th October 1951, without prior consultation with the Madras Public Service Commission, as required under clauses (a) and (b) of Article 320 (3) of the Constitution of India;

(b) if so, why the Public Service Commission was not consulted ; and

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(c) whether the amendment was made solely for the purpose of including the post of Joint Director of Industries and Commerce in Category I of the Madras Industries Service?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) Consultation with the Madras Public Service Commission was not necessary.

" (c) The amendment was made to include in the special rules for the Madras Industries Service the post of Joint Director of Industries and the conditions of service governing that post."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Did the Madras Public Service Commission point out in their report that prior consultation was necessary under the Constitution? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Government considered that prior consultation was not necessary."

Opening of a dispensary at Pazhayangadi, North Malabar.

* 1185 Q.—SRI M. CHADAYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether any action has been taken on the memorandum of the public at Pazhayangadi, North Malabar, about the opening of a dispensary at the place?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" ' Yes ', Sir.

The memorandum was sent in original to the Special Officer, District Board, Malabar, for necessary action."

SRI M. CHADAYAN :—" പഴയങ്ങാടിയുടെ അടുത്തു കിടക്കുന്ന നാലു വില്ലേജുകളിലെ നാല്പതിനായിരത്തിലധികം വരുന്ന ജനങ്ങൾ വൈദ്യസഹായമില്ലാതെ കഷ്ടപ്പെടുന്ന വിവരം ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടിനറിയാമോ ? അറിയാമെങ്കിൽ ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടു് എന്തു നടപടിയാണു് എടുക്കാനുദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നതു് ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The provision of medical facilities in rural areas is the responsibility of the concerned local body."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" The primary concern for the health of the citizens of the State is that of the Madras State and not of the district board, and in view of the well-known fact that the Malabar District Board is absolutely and utterly bankrupt, is it not shelving the responsibility of the Government supply to send it on for necessary action to the Special Officer of the District Board instead of tackling the problem at State-level? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is up to responsible public men like the hon. Member Sri Krishna Ayyar to see that the Malabar District Board does not run into such heavy deficit."